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Application No. : 10/778, 024

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For : FOCUSE DETECTION DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment
 Group Art Unit: 2851

Examiner: W.B. Perkey

Mail Stop Amendment

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Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

_____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

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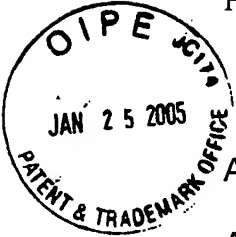
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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of October 26, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.